

The Staudt Sunday House
Fredericksburg, Texas.

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The present owner is Christian Staudt, Sr., who also occupies the house on week-ends. Staudt's ownership dates back to January 5, 1920.

The original grant for the property came from the German Emigration Company to George Geyer in 1847. There is no record of further disposition of the property until February 15, 1869, when it was sold to Karl Henke by Adam Krieger. Karl Henke sold the place to Mrs. Maria Mosel and daughter, Miss Lina Mosel. Miss Lina sold it to the present owner in 1920.

The original house (the one-room stone and half-timber portion) was probably built before 1850 by Mr. Geyer, a bachelor. Mr. Henke is known to have enlarged the house as it is today, after he obtained possession. Since then no changes of consequence have been made. No record of Architect or Builder exists.

A story told by Louis Dietz says that Geyer was ambushed and killed by outlaws who shot him as he stood in his own doorway, from behind the big oak tree in front of the house.

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